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General Counsel

November 13, 2000

Lawrence M. Noble, Esq.
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5128

Dear Mr. Noble:

This responds to the complaint filed by the Democrat Congressional Committee against the National Republican Congressional Committee, Dick Zimmer, Zimmer 2000 and Maria Chappa as Treasurer.

This complaint is completely unfounded and was simply a political ploy by the DCCC to influence a federal election. It was filed on the eve of a very close election that pundits predicted the Democrats would lose. The DCCC alleges one violation: that "the NRCC funnelled an illegal \$66,500 excessive contribution to Dick Zimmer." This is patently false.

It is clear under federal law that national and state party committees may make expenditures in connection with the general election campaign of federal candidates. 11 C.F.R. § 110.7(b)(1). The NRCC was designated as the agent of the Republican National Committee and the New Jersey State Party for making coordinated expenditures. The NRCC will disclose on its 30-Day Post-General Election Report an expenditure made to Jamestown Associates for \$66,500 in support of candidate Dick Zimmer. This constituted a coordinated expenditure permissible under federal law. The funds were not given to the Zimmer campaign. Furthermore, the amount expended was less than the coordinated spending limit set by the Commission.

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Certainly, this is not the sort of thing that warrants the expenditure of scarce Commission resources.

We respectfully request that the Commission dismiss the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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